

Dear Judge Rice,

My name is Jenna Hoop, girlfriend to Justin Woods. I'm writing you on his behalf. To hopefully give you some insight on who Justin is and how he is as a person. And to speak my voice and advocate for the growing, learning person he is. When I met Justin I couldn't have hoped myself by his bright personality his big smile and heart to make everyone around him feel loved. He just has that special effect on people, to make anyone around him to feel loved, heard and seen. It's one of the many things I value about him. When I met Justin he was on his way to get his iron workers job for the union he was driving, working, sober, and in good spirit. He was actively striving for a better life. After awhile Justin had started staying with me in Troy about 30 mins away from Dayton, in a quite neighborhood, working 12-14 hour days waking up at 4am to drive an hour and would do it happily. He would come home and take care of all the "man" work around the house. Mowing the grass, fixing the cars,

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Carrying groceries in, helping with my two year old daughter Vivian. Getting her in and out of the car, caring for her on Saturdays while I had to work. Justin played a pivotal role in my life and my child's. Not only in being physically present and helping around the house but also emotionally + mentally. He helped carry the load of things. Justin was always present, he was also always learning and eager of a new way, a new life. I first hand witnessed the strive and want for a new life, one with peace, comfort, no trouble a content life. He was doing it, getting involved in church groups, attending church on Sundays, worshipping, praying, in the house straight after work, searching for counseling, watching his environment and the people he was hanging around. He was making the changes, he was putting in the work. Time passed and we got the news that his mother had passed. This was right around Mother's day. At first Justin didn't show much emotion, with his brother being murdered a year prior I don't think he had processed it all. Within the same week my daughters

Dad has started to come around. He was not seeing Vivian because of drug abuse and failure to be responsible. Justin and I had discussed her dad coming to my house to visit with her. Within 2/3 visits Vivian's dad had offered Justin to use and it became a snowball of chaos after. Justin had relapsed in spite of everything that was going on. And the shenanigans of Kaden (my daughter's dad) started. Kaden did not want me but didn't want anyone else to have me either. Him and Justin had prior altercation before the alleged crimes were committed. Kaden was going back and forth with Justin weeks prior to try and get Justin to fight him. He even made fake text messages from a text now to make it look like Justin was threatening him. Kaden called me and told me that I needed to put a protection order on Justin so I did. The same day I put one on Justin I was having a sleep over at my aunt's house with my daughter. My younger brother was staying at my house while he was working close by. When my brother got off at 11pm he

Walked to my house how he had been.
When he got home he noticed Kaden
outfront. My daughters dad. Kaden Told
Josh my brother that he had stuff for me
and Vivian. That's why he was there. When
I got the call from my brother, I met
him at my house and left Vivian at my
aunts. Once I arrived at my house my brother
was there but no sign of Kaden. Once I
had talked with the cops I went back to
my aunt's house. The following morning I go
back to my house to find Kaden asleep in
my backyard. After waking him up and getting
him conscious I begin to ask him what
he's doing here and why he was there last
night. He told me that he was looking
for Justin and was wanting to settle there
deef. Justin did not do the crimes that he
is accused of, he was provoked by my daughters
father, he did not force entry my house
either, nor did he break in. Once I had
talked to Kaden and realized what was going
on. I dropped the protection order and
all charges pressed against Justin. I am
now to deem what is fit for

Justin, but it was placed on my heart to speak for him, and about him. He is a growing individual, who wants better, to do better and be it. I see the drive and I see the drive. With that being said I thank you for your time and reading this letter.

Sincerely Jenna Hoop

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jenna Hoop', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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